



Office of the President

March 12, 2020

Dear Mercy community,

As you know, Governor Hogan held a press conference today outlining measures the State of Maryland is taking with regard to COVID-19. Mercy High School is taking the following actions:

- There is no school for students on **Friday, March 13**. Mercy Girls may stop by campus briefly tomorrow to retrieve their books and materials between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- All faculty and staff will report to campus on **Friday, March 13**. Teachers will continue their work on preparing for online learning. Staff members will report to campus at the regular time and offices will be open as usual.
- Online learning will begin on **Monday, March 16**. Students and parents will access PlusPortals for all academic information. A guide for parents and students will be made available over the weekend and will be updated as needed.
- All school-related events, including athletics, are postponed until further notice.

We know that there will be other questions regarding the calendar and school events. This continues to be a rapidly evolving situation, and we will, of course, communicate updated information to you as it becomes available.

We are committed to helping our Mercy Girls continue their academic work, to assisting our parents and guardians in navigating this new reality, and to maintaining a strong community. In order to do these things, we must—each one of us—work to safeguard our physical health and our emotional well-being.

We know that there will be some unexpected challenges ahead, but we know that our entire community will respond to them with patience, good humor, and grace.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Lennon '85
President

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